

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sierra Front Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of the Interior

**2. Fiscal Year**

2026

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Sierra Front Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

**3b. GSA**

**Committee No.**

84607

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?**      **5. Current Charter**      **6. Expected Renewal Date**      **7. Expected Term Date**

No      11/09/2023      11/09/2025

**8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?**

**8b. Specific Termination Authority**

**8c. Actual Term Date**

**9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year**

Continue

**10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**

Not Applicable

**10b. Legislation Pending?**

Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

**12. Specific Establishment Authority**

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

**13. Effective Date**

**14. Committee Type**

Continuing

**14c. Presidential?**

No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports**

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

**Current Next  
FY      FY**

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The RAC provides advice and develops recommendations for BLM with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the DFO. The RAC also makes recommendations to the BLM and FS regarding recreation fee proposals.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Sierra-Front Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The RAC meets two to four times annually, and at such times as designated by the Designated Federal Officer.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC allows BLM managers to receive advice and feedback from a wide variety of local interested citizens in a single, interactive forum at regularly scheduled meetings. The RAC provides the various interests in a single forum to discuss

issues and reach consensus.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The RAC was scheduled to meet October 3-4, 2024, but the meeting was subsequently cancelled and no meetings were held during FY25.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Kimberly Dow BLM Carson City District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Freese, Erica	05/20/2024	05/20/2027	Business Development Director, Ormat Technologies Inc.	Representative Member
Gingerich, Matthew	11/09/2010	03/08/2026	Manager, Land Resources, NV Energy	Representative Member
Piazza, Anna Marie	06/20/2024	06/20/2027	Nurse	Representative Member
Ugalde, John	10/04/2019	03/08/2026	Ranch Owner	Representative Member
Veach, Benjamin	10/04/2019	03/08/2026	Stantec Consulting - Principal	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 5**

**Narrative Description**

The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Winnemucca, Elko, and Carson City Districts.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government

- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

n/a

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

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**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC made no recommendations in FY25.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

50%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

50%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The Elko District Business Plan has not been implemented to-date.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Agency will provide feedback to the RAC during public full-RAC meetings and may provide written comments if necessary (written comments would be posted on the public RAC website).

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

The RAC provides amenity fee recommendations to the BLM and U.S. Forest Service.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

n/a

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**